

**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q77045

Ryuichi KATAYAMA

Appln. No.: 10/701,015

Group Art Unit: 2627

Confirmation No.: 5832

Examiner: Gautam PATEL

Filed: November 5, 2003

For: OPTICAL HEAD UNIT AND OPTICAL INFORMATION WRITING/READING  
DEVICE

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 7, 2006, and our July 26, 2006, teleconference with the Examiner, Applicant responds by electing claims 1-12, drawn to an optical head unit. This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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